Library Construction Improve Project Update

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NEW MAIN LIBRARY

The police garage facility has been demolished and the site cleared. A contract to clean up contamination on the site has started and is expected to be completed early next year. A structural review of the plans has been completed and the plans are being modified to reflect the necessary adjustments. The plans will then be sent to the State in December for additional reviews required by the grant. Resubmittal of the plans and specifications to the Development Services Department for the building permit is scheduled for mid-January 2007.

SERRA MESA – KEARNY MESA BRANCH LIBRARY

Library staff has nearly completed the move-in activities at the new branch. The City's Communications Division has completed installing the security camera system and is working on the audio/visual equipment in the Community Room. Most of the furniture has been delivered including a gift of a grand piano to be located in the Community Room. Work is proceeding on the punch list. A Donor Pre-Opening Reception is scheduled for Nov. 29 and the Grand Opening is scheduled for Dec. 2 at 10 a.m.

NORTH UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY BRANCH LIBRARY

The project is about 68 percent complete with work ongoing on the roof, drywall and windows for the library and recreation center. Site work is ongoing for the park areas. Library and Park & Recreation staff met on Nov. 16 to discuss the security camera and audio visual equipment and installation that will now be turned over to the General Contractor to subcontract. An additional meeting was held on Nov. 16 to review progress on the LEED certification.

LOGAN HEIGHTS BRANCH LIBRARY

The plans and specifications are nearly complete and it is anticipated that the project will go out to bid in early 2007.

SAN YSIDRO BRANCH LIBRARY

City project staff met with City Redevelopment staff in San Ysidro to walk the project area of a proposed future redevelopment site and to discuss the possibility of locating a library as part of the area redevelopment. The project area is located along San Ysidro Boulevard where the current library is located. Redevelopment staff will hire an urban planner to develop the plan concepts to determine if a library is feasible in the planned development.

OTAY MESA/EAST BRANCH LIBRARY

City project staff met with planning staff and consultants to discuss the various proposals for development on the Otay Mesa Community Plan. A discussion was held on how to best plan for library facilities based on the various development scenarios and the extent of their planned developments and densities.

MISSION HILLS-HILLCREST BRANCH LIBRARY

City project staff met with the architect on Nov. 17 to discuss possible designs and the necessary accommodations required by code and the Fire-Rescue Department for fire access to the site. Key decisions about the amount of parking and its associated costs need to be made after the costs of the various options are calculated and evaluated. City staff plans to meet again within the month with the additional information for evaluation.